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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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SUBJECT: SECURITY PROBLEMS AT U.S. OWNED MINE IN IRIAN JAYA

REF: A. JAKARTA 11174 (NOTAL), B. JAKARTA 10544, C. JAKARTA 9830

AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY SOURCE GAVE US A COPY OF THEIR LATEST  
ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION AT FREEPORT MINE IN IRIAN JAYA:

QUOTE: ON 22 AUGUST WE SPOKE AGAIN WITH ALI BUDIARJO,  
WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM IRIAN JAYA. HE REPORTED THAT  
THE SITUATION IN THE TEMBAGAPURA CAMP HAD RETURNED TO NORMAL.  
ALTHOUGH NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS WENT AHEAD AS PLANNED,  
A LARGE RECEPTION FOR THE NIGHT OF 17 AUGUST WAS CANCELLED

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FOR FEAR OF ANOTHER SABOTAGE ATTEMPT WHEN THERE WAS SUCH  
A LARGE GATHERING.

AT THE MOMENT THERE IS ONE BRIGMOB PLATOON (POLICE  
MOBILE BRIGADE) GUARDING THE CAMP, AND TWO COMPANIES OF  
INDONESIAN ARMY PATROLLING IN THE HIGH LAND AROUND THE  
CAMP SITE. THE LOWLAND AREA BELOW THE CAMP IS NOW  
CONSIDERED SECURE. IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS THERE HAVE

BEEN TWO MINOR SABOTAGE ATTEMPTS ON THE ORE SLURRY LINE ON 12 AND 19 AUGUST WHICH WERE QUICKLY DETECTED AND REPAIRED, AND SOME HANDMADE POSTERS HAD BEEN PLACED ON BUILDINGS AND TREES, WARNING THE INDONESIANS TO "GET OUT OF IRIAN", ALSO "QUITE A NUMBER OF IRIANESE" IN THE CAMP HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR BEING IN POSSESSION OF CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE OPM IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA. BUDIARJO WAS RELUCTANT TO BE DRAWN ON TO SAY THAT SECURITY AUTHORITIES HAD IDENTIFIED AN OPM CELL OF FIVE PEOPLE IN THE CAMP, AND IT WAS LIKELY THAT THERE WERE MORE. BUDIARJO SAID IT WAS UNFORTUNATE AS A RESULT OF THESE ARRESTS THAT NOW ALL IRIANESE IN THE CAMP WERE SUSPECT OF HAVING OPM CONNECTIONS.

BUDIARJO SAID, ACCORDING TO THE INDONESIAN ARMY OFFICER IN CHARGE AT TEMBAGAPURA, IT WOULD PROBABLY TAKE UP TO FOUR MONTHS TO CLEAN UP THE REMAINING REMNANTS OPERATING IN THE RUGGED HIGHLANDS AROUND THE CAMP.

THE NUMBER OF DISSIDENTS WAS NOT KNOWN.

FREEPORT ARE A LITTLE ANNOYED AT THE REPORT RUN BY RADIO AUSTRALIA ON THE INCIDENT WHICH THEY ASSERT WAS EXAGGERATED. END QUOTE.  
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